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THOMPSON'S ISLAND  
Boston, Massachusetts**

**A PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR  
WORTHY BOYS  
ESTABLISHED 1814**

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This widely scattered big family of community leaders constantly responds to the calls of its Alma Mater and seeks to help other worthy boys to enjoy the fruits of abundant opportunity.

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WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, Ed. M., Headmaster  
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GROVENOR A. WILLS, Captain of Boats  
HARRIETT L. WILLS, Dining Room Instructor  
RAYMOND S. WILSON, B. Th., Night Supervisor

# **Headmaster's Report**

## **The School Builds For Democracy**

The first full year of the United States' complete participation in this second World War has had very noticeable effects upon our School. The real worth of this great work in behalf of the community is proven in these times and its contribution to the war effort is indicated in several directions. Practically everyone is doing something definitely in behalf of the war program and the letters and other messages which come from our graduates show that this school has done its ground work well and helped hundreds of boys to develop within themselves the qualities needed to help maintain a democracy and a way of life such as we of these allied nations are determined to continue. This school is not only building men by giving boys a real opportunity with many advantages but we are also training these boys to help with the defense of their and our country.

## **Agriculture is Vital in this War**

The agricultural production at the School in 1942 is an item which in itself was a creditable piece of work. Our farm produced: 7,757 lbs. beef, 225 lbs. veal,

4,100 lbs. pork, 4,132 lbs. poultry, 6,991 doz. eggs, 79,997 qts. milk, 859 qts. berries, 67 bu. fruit, 1,130 bu. potatoes, 687 bu. small vegetables (onions, carrots, beets, beans, etc.), 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  tons large vegetables (cabbage, turnip, squash, etc.), 110 tons hay, and 120 tons silage. The flock of Rhode Island Red hens has been maintained at 600 and the Guernsey herd has been increased to 52 head. The quality of the herd has never been better and with the Langwater bull now in use as a herd sire even greater improvement should be made during the coming years.

#### **Manpower is Important**

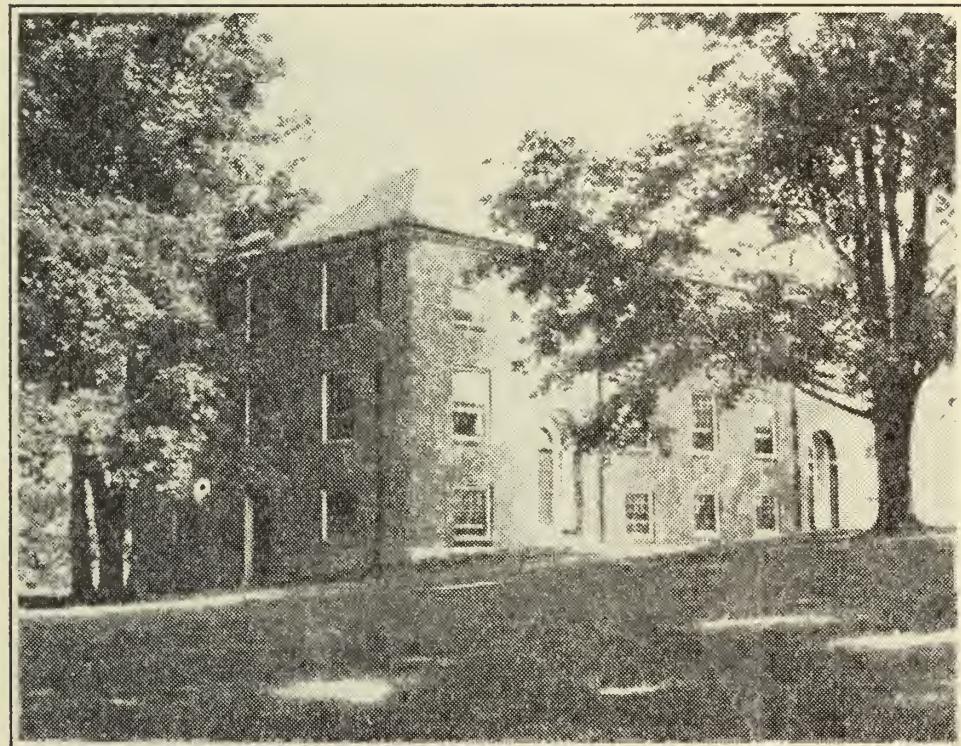
Because of our maintenance of the boys many parents have been able to go into war work, thus aiding the manpower situation which is vital. Several of the social agencies are asking our aid in the placement of their boys. In recent years one agency has maintained several homes for groups and another agency has recently opened a farm school. This indicates the need for home-schools and their many advantages. The war has affected our enrollment by making less need for help to the older boys but an increased demand for a home for younger boys. The average

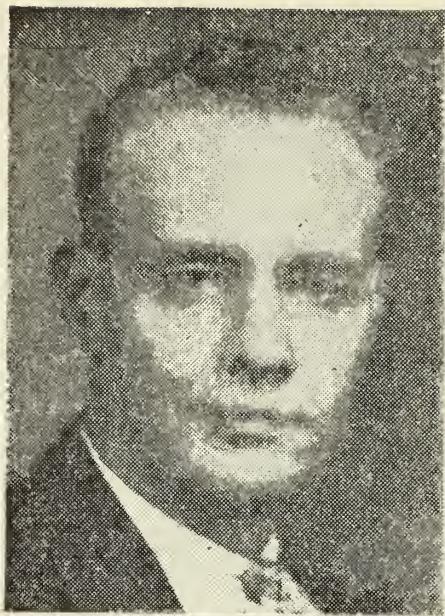
William M. Meacham  
Headmaster  
Since 1926

Mr. and Mrs. Meacham  
also teach  
during  
the present emergency



One of the Hayden buildings, built 1941

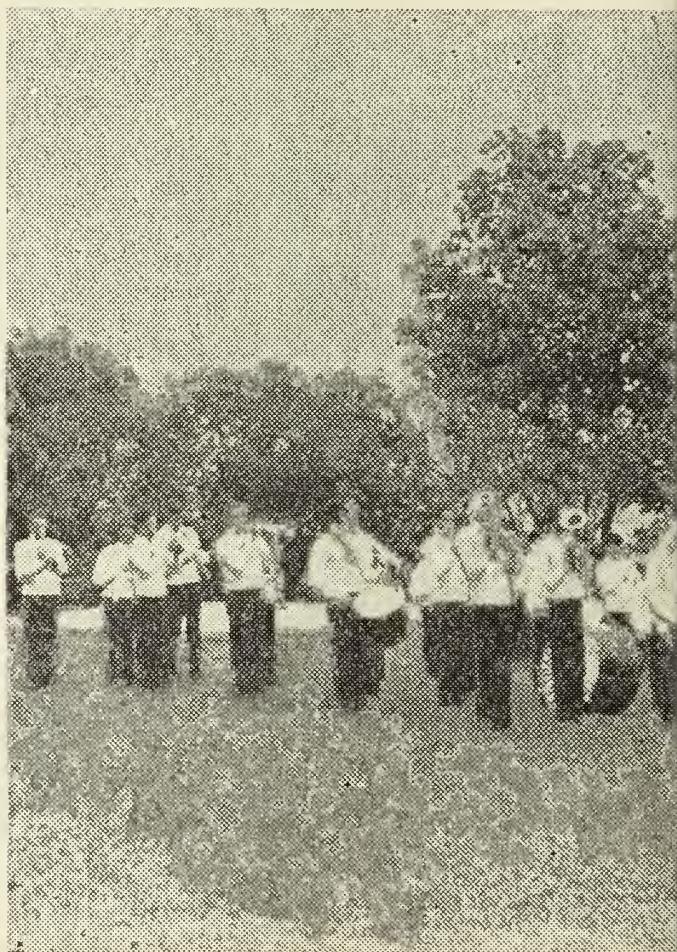




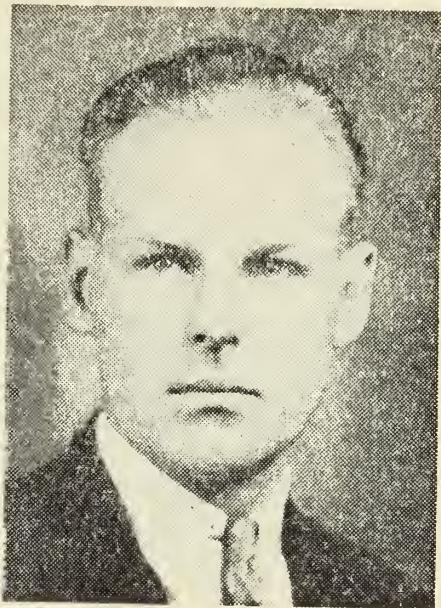
Clifton E. Albee  
Instructor  
Since 1926

Mr. Albee  
Heads Building A  
of the  
Charles Hayden Group

BOYS' BAND—America's



**Raymond Thomas  
Supervisor  
Since 1932**



**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
Head Building C  
of the  
Charles Hayden Group**

First Started Here in 1857

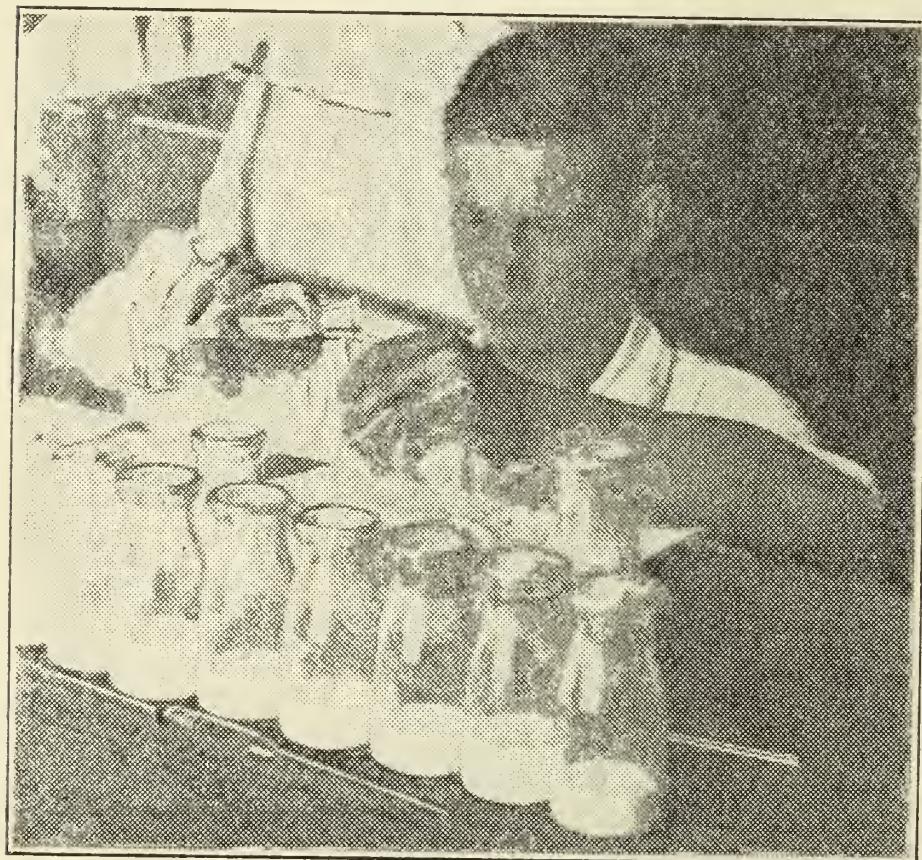




Mark C. Baird  
Head Farm Instructor  
Since 1928

Mr. and Mrs. Baird  
Head Building B  
of the  
Charles Hayden Group

A boy tests milk—abundant health food



age of our boys has decreased from 14 years, 9 months to 14 years, 7 months. The greatest changes show at the age 16 with a decrease of 40% in number of boys enrolled and at the age level of 12 which has a 50% increase over 1942. The enrollment during the early part of the year was 85. The average enrollment during the last months of 1942 was 72. Eighteen boys graduated in June. Six completed the post-graduate course and fourteen were withdrawn or dismissed without graduating at the end of the school year. Thirty boys were admitted in 1942, an increase of 7 over the previous year. The total number of boys enrolled at the School during 1942 was 115, the same total as for 1941.

#### A Modern Plant Develops Health

The health of the boys throughout the year was generally excellent. The improved situation is probably due largely to the improved housing conditions and the improved facilities for the handling and care of milk and other food. There were two cases of appendicitis, three injuries requiring hospital treatment, and some minor colds, bruises, dental and optical defects, all of which were promptly corrected.

## **Great Friends Show Confidence in Youth**

The most important event of the year was graduation when the Governor of the Commonwealth delivered the graduation address. This school has been fortunate in having Governor Saltonstall as a member of the Board since 1922 and his father before him for many years. The Governor's mother, Mrs. Richard M. Saltonstall, continually gives substantial aid to the School. The devoted interest of the Saltonstall family is a vital factor in this service to youth. A simple ceremony of dedication of the three new buildings took place at the graduation. Mr. J. Willard Hayden, representing the Charles Hayden Foundation which made these buildings possible by a gift of \$100,000.00 delivered the dedication address. This Foundation has also established and maintained a scholarship fund at the School. The value of the general equipment was increased through the gift of the boat KATHERINE II by Mr. Henry Dalton.

### **The Cost is Reasonable**

The budget adopted for 1942 was \$80,100.00. The current expenses amounted to \$79,743.17. The Treasurer's report shows a small deficit but the contributions

were very good considering the times and the limited time and effort devoted to the annual appeal for funds.

#### We Have Our Sadness

The School has been saddened by the death of several devoted friends. We have lost, from the Board of Managers, Mr. Tucker Daland and Mr. Walter B. Foster. Illness of several members of the Board has caused considerable concern. Fortunately all of these are now well on the road to recovery, including President Arthur Adams.

#### Our Managers Also Fight

Four of the Managers are officers in the armed forces, namely, Mr. Moses Williams, Mr. Ralph B. Williams, Mr. Frederick Winthrop, and George P. Denny, M. D. Fifteen visits to the School have been made by our Managers during the year.

#### Excellent Instructors Are Essential

The School, situated as it is, and having so many varied departments, has need for more governmental permits and more different board actions than most organizations require, no less than fifteen to date. Keeping a staff of instructors is

dependent upon the action of two or more government boards, with frequent conferences and reports. Thus far we have been able to keep most of our important men and women. Nineteen of the twenty-six present members of our staff have been with us a year or longer, with a median period of service of nearly seven years.

#### Our Board Inspires Success

In closing this, my seventeenth annual report, I want to express the deep appreciation of everyone at the School for the ever present interest of the Board of Managers and the real encouragement given during the most difficult year I have experienced. It is possible for a Board to encourage or hamper the smooth execution of an organization. Our Board is, and always has been, constructive, helpful, generous, encouraging. These qualities have been no less evident during the year 1942 and our good work continues because of this devotion to this service in behalf of youth.



## Admission

The admission requirements are: excellent character, physical and mental normality, age ten to fourteen, and completion of fifth grade. Application must include pastor's recommendation, physician's report, six snapshots, and school report to be mailed by principal. The admission fee of ten dollars, payable upon admission, and weekly payment of a reasonable part of the cost of maintenance and education is required. Applicants, parents and boys, meet with the Admission Committee. Not more than half can be accepted.

## Mind, Body, Soul

The program trains the mind by school days of four hours study from the sixth grade through the third year of standard high school, develops the body by four hours of healthful exercise and training daily in the various trades, agriculture, marine and maintenance work plus a balanced diet of abundant milk, eggs, vegetables, fruit and meat, mostly produced at the School, and guidance to the character and non-sectarian religious development by trained leaders. Each boy devotes four hours daily to athletics, scouting, swimming, skating, snow sports, music, photography, flower gardening, and many other hobbies and interests.

# Milestones

- 1814 First Incorporation
- 1832 157-acre Thompson's Island purchased
- 1833 Bulfinch Main Building Constructed
- 1833 Pioneer Farm School Developed
- 1835 Two Schools Merged
- 1839 Cornelius C. Felton, Superintendent
- 1846 6,000 Trees Planted
- 1848 School Library Started
- 1857 America's First Boys' Band Organized
- 1881 First School Printing Press Started
- 1881 Gardner Hall Built
- 1891 Sloyd Introduced from Sweden
- 1897 First Beacon Printed
- 1905 Meteorology Established
- 1907 Present Name Adopted
- 1909 Central Heating Plant Built
- 1912 First Alumnus Elected to Board
- 1922 High School Courses Added
- 1927 Guernsey Herd Started
- 1934 New School Boat PILGRIM III Built
- 1936 Francis Shaw Scholarship First Awarded
- 1936 Adams House Built
- 1937 Boy Scout Troop Formed
- 1939 Bowditch House Built
- 1940 Charles Hayden Scholarships First Awarded
- 1940 New Dairy Built and Equipped
- 1940 Liversidge Institute Merged
- 1941 New Athletic Field Constructed
- 1941 Three Hayden Buildings Built



